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Will resign
if BJP bosses want: CM

Bengaluru, June 6 (KMS & BCT)- Breaking his silence for the first time over rumours and reports of change of guard in Karnataka, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa this morning said that he will resign from his post the day the Central leadership of the BJP asks him to. "I will tender my resignation as soon as the same is sought by the leadership," he said.

He was interacting with the media persons on the occasion of the death anniversary of former Chief Minister, late D. Devaraj Urs in Bengaluru where he garlanded the statue of Urs. 78-year-old Yediyurappa clarified that at present the party high command has reposed faith on him and that he will continue as long as he is able to win their confidence.

"I will continue as the Chief Minister till the day Delhi high command has confidence in me. The day they tell me I have to quit, I will resign and involve myself entirely towards working for the welfare of the State. My stance is clear. They have given me a chance and I am trying to use it to the best of my abilities. Rest of it is left to the Central leadership," Yediyurappa said when asked about attempts to unseat him by a section of MLAs and his own party members.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa

When questioned about the purported lack of second rung leaders who can be his alternative, Yediyurappa said he does not contribute to the notion that there is no alternative to him. He insisted that there are always leaders who can step in the shoes of the outgoing ones and they come to the fore when the time and opportunity beckons. In the State too he said there is no dearth of leaders matching him.

"There will always be an alternative in any State across the country. I don't believe that in Karnataka there are no alternatives. I will continue as Chief Minister till Central leadership has trust in me," he said. At the same breath, he insisted that he will not comment on public attacks against him by the likes of Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar or quiet attempts to unseat him by a few MLAs of the party.

(See CM on page 6)

New lockdown rules from tomorrow

People can buy essentials on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 6 am to 10 am

Mysuru, June 6- Just hours before her transfer, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri on Saturday night has issued revised lockdown guidelines that have been in force in the district from May 29.

As per the new order, provision stores, meat houses and other essential shops will be allowed to open three days a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 am to 10 am till June 14. Apart from restricted opening of shops, all other permitted activities will continue as per the guidelines laid out by the Government.

Standalone milk booths, medical services, HOPCOMS outlets and Fair Price Shops have been exempted from this rule. The rest remains closed. Parcel services from hotels, restaurants and eateries and door-to-door delivery will continue as per the on-going lockdown directions from the State Government.

Earlier, permitted shops were allowed to open only two days a week — Monday and Thursday from 6 am to 12 noon.

Lakshmikanth Reddy takes charge as new MCC Commissioner

New Mysuru DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham to take charge this afternoon

Mysuru, June 6 (MTY, SSV &BCT)- IAS Officer G. Lakshmikanth Reddy took charge as 48th Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) this afternoon. He succeeded Shilpa Nag, who has been transferred as the Director, e-Governance, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR).

Lakshmikanth Reddy is the Karnataka cadre IAS officer of 2009 batch and before coming to Mysuru, he was the Managing Director, Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited. He had also worked as the Assistant Commissioner of Hassan and Sakleshpur and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zilla Panchayats (ZPs) of Bidar and Vijayapura.

Speaking to media persons after taking charge from Shilpa Nag this noon, he said his priority was to check the spread of Coronavirus in city with the co-operation of all MLAs, MP, MLCs, Corporators and the MCC staff. "I will continue all the good work done by my predecessors, Shilpa Nag and Gurudatta Hegde," he said.

Lakshmikanth Reddy taking charge as Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) this noon.

(See REDDY on page 6)

Shilpa takes back resignation; to assume new post tomorrow

Mysuru, June 6 (MTY & SSV)- Shilpa Nag, the former Commissioner of MCC, today said that she has decided to withdraw her resignation and report to duty as Director, e-Governance, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Bengaluru, tomorrow (Monday).

On Thursday, while talking to media, she had declared that she will tender resignation to the post of MCC Commissioner as well as to Indian Administration Service (IAS) and fight on the moral grounds against injustice being meted out to her by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri, who also has been transferred now. Further, she had said that she was not going to withdraw her resignation at any cost.

Within two days, Shilpa not only changed her stand but also said she has decided not to pursue her resignation and will take charge in the new post. "There was a lot of pressure from the elected representatives, youths and the citizens to continue in the IAS since I had grouse against only an individual and not against the system. In fact, 99 percent of people are good. But only one percent of people made me unhappy. I am indebted to the people of Mysuru for taking care of me just like their daughter. It was a lifetime opportunity to work in the city like Mysuru which is known as a city of intellectuals."

Shilpa Nag

(See SHILPA on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 6th June 2021

India extends Visa of stranded foreigners till Aug. 31

New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)- In view of non-resumption of commercial international flights from India since March last year, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday further extended the Indian Visa or stay stipulation period of foreigners stranded in India due to COVID-19 pandemic till August 31 this year on gratis basis without levy of any overstay penalty.

According to the MHA order, these foreign nationals will not be required to submit any application to the Foreigners Regional Registration Office/Foreigners Registration Office concerned for extension of their Visas.

"Such foreign nationals may apply for an exit permission to the FRRO/FRO concerned before exiting the country, which would be granted on gratis basis without levy of any overstay penalty", the MHA order said.

A large number of foreign nationals who came to India prior to March last year on valid Indian Visas had got stranded in India. The MHA, considering their difficulties in getting their Visas extended in India due to the COVID-19 induced lockdown, had issued an order on June 29, 2020 conveying that the Indian Visa or stay stipulation period of such foreign nationals expiring post June 30, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 30 more days from the date of resumption of normal international flight operations, on gratis basis.

Such foreign nationals have been applying for extension of their Visas or stay stipulation period on a monthly basis and keeping in view of their difficulties, the Government has taken this decision, a senior Home Ministry official said.

India has extended ban on scheduled international flights till end of June 2021.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A handful of big pharma companies, along with a few proactive Governments, invested in research and came up with various COVID vaccines. The relatively small ecosystem of players, many of them private, now holds the key to solving this global crisis. Big pharma invented the vaccines. Full respect and credit to them for that. It is their IP. They deserve rewards for it. However, were these vaccines luxury products, made only for the rich countries? Imagine if the polio or smallpox vaccine was only given to rich nations. Would you still respect the inventors and investors as much?

The human race needs to get its act together now, else the world would not be vaccinated for the next three years. Rich countries are fooling themselves if they feel they can ride out the pandemic by just vaccinating themselves. Variants from unvaccinated populations are a real risk, even to rich, already vaccinated countries.

And WHO needs a better plan than Covax. Let it not just be a token exercise for rich countries to look good. Poor countries can also pay for the vaccine and they should. Big pharma can get paid for inventing these amazing vaccines. The world can scale up and manufacture more vaccines at more speed. The human race owes it to itself to do this right. Let's get the world vaccinated, fast.

— *Chetan Bhagat in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Teen pushes bear off wall to save dogs

California: A security camera at a California home was recording when a 17-year-old girl shoved a mother bear off a brick wall to rescue her family's dogs. The video recorded by a security camera at Hailey Morinico's family's home in Bradbury, in the San Gabriel Valley, shows three dogs in the enclosed yard becoming agitated and barking at a mother bear and her cubs perched on a brick wall dividing the back yard from a neighbour's property.

The mother bear swats at the dogs as they approach to bark at the wild animals and Morinico, 17, is then seen running into the yard, shoving the bear off the wall and gathering up the dogs to bring them inside.

Morinico said she panicked when she saw the dangerous situation the dogs were in. "I see the bear, it's grabbing my dog, Valentina, and I have to run over there. She's a baby," the teenager said. "And the first thing I think to do is push the bear. And somehow it worked."

Lady recovers wallet lost 46 years ago!

VENTURA, Calif. (AP): A woman from Ventura was reunited with a wallet she lost 46 years ago after an employee working on remodelling Southern California's historic Majestic Ventura Theatre discovered it inside a crawl space. "I would have never imagined," said Tom Stevens after locating the wallet among old candy bar wrappers, ticket stubs and soda cans.

Stevens told the Ventura County Star he then went on social media to try to locate the owner based on clues in the wallet, including old photos, a 1973 Grateful Dead concert ticket and a California driver's license for Colleen Distin that expired in 1976. There was no money in the wallet. "Does anyone know Colleen Distin?" he asked on theatre's Facebook page.

"While doing some maintenance we have found her wallet. There are a bunch of pictures of people and they are super cool from that era also. Someone may want them. So if you are or if you know Colleen, drop us a line and we will have it here for you!"

HEALTH CAPSULE

Skincare tips during COVID-19: Hand care - Be Gentle on your hand: Use cool or lukewarm water to wash your hand with soap or hand wash. Avoid hot water as it may damage your skin. **Moisturize:** After washing your hands, gently rinse & pat them dry. Washing hands frequently can make your skin dry. Washing hands frequently can make your skin dry. Apply plenty of moisturizer if you feel dryness in your hand.

Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist

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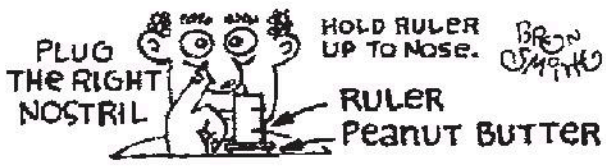

In a recent University of Florida study, all those who had Alzheimer's disease couldn't smell a 1 oz. cup of peanut butter with their left nostril until the peanut butter was about 10 CM below the nostril. A normal reading is 20 CM. The sense of smell in the left nostril is the first thing to be affected by Alzheimer's diseases, even before memory.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 4	JUNE 5
Day's Positive Cases	1,265	1,155
Total Positive Cases	1,48,493	1,49,648
Day's Discharges	1,636	1,633
Total Discharges	1,31,715	1,33,348
Day's Deaths	18	22
Total Deaths	1,681	1,703
Total Active Cases	15,097	14,597

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Office-bearers of Cardiological Society

Dr. Rajith Dr. Veenu Dr. Manjappa Dr. Veena Dr. Srinidhi Dr. Vinay Dr. Anand

Mysuru, June 6- The following are the new office-bearers of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI), Mysore Chapter, for the year 2020-2021: Dr. K.S. Rajith - President, Dr. J. Veenu - Vice-President, Dr. Manjappa - Secretary, Dr. Veena Nanjappa - Treasurer, Dr. Srinidhi Hegde, Dr. Vinay Kumar and Dr. Anand Lingan - all EC Members.

REALLY...?

- ***The term "motorcycle" (or "motorrad" in German) was first used in 1894 by Hildebrand & Wolfmüller.***
- ***The first ever blind person to set the record in 2003 for riding a motorbike was Billy Baxter, who lost his eyesight when he was serving in Bosnia.***

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.91
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.23
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.85
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.72

VOICE OF THE READER

Suggestions to keep vacant plots green and clean

Sir,

This is with reference to the news item ***'MUDA asks owners to keep vacant sites clean'*** (*Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 25, 2021). It's a warning that if the owners violate the conditions in their directive, MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) will clean on behalf of the owner and include charges in the Property Tax.

Problem: Unkempt vacant private sites within Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) area and in MUDA extensions have always been a perennial problem.

They are a nuisance to the neighbours due to uncontrolled wild growth of weeds, act as dumping ground for garbage/ construction debris, breeding ground for mosquitoes, a haven for snakes, defecation area, etc.

The owners have not been able to construct houses for various reasons. Some owners have built compound walls or fenced their sites with a board "this site belongs to... trespassers will be prosecuted" but they seldom bother to keep their sites clean and neat.

Suggestion: Here is a green win-win suggestion that is simple, economical and sustainable. With land owners' cooperation and citizens participation, vacant plots may be put to useful purposes and will result in the following benefits to the city:

(a) Ensures safety and security of vacant plot on behalf of owner from encroachment, misuse, etc. and the owner need not pay any cleaning charges.

(b) Clean vacant site will not be a visual pollution and will keep the neighbourhood with healthy environment.

(c) Avoid dumping of garbage and/ or building waste material/ debris in such vacant plots.

How it works: These vacant sites may be converted into either mini-parks or kitchen gardens by the environmentally conscious citizens living on either side of vacant plots.

They may ascertain details of owner of the site from concerned authorities, approach him/ her with a written request for his consent to allow using the vacant plot for creating a kitchen garden/ green area with the following undertakings; that they shall

(i) Have no objection whatsoever for the land owner to take back his consent any time and to stop usage of his site by any other person.

(ii) Those permitted shall use the space only for creating a kitchen garden for growing organic vegetables, flowers and greens, all of short duration and shall not be used for planting any species that grow into large trees.

(iii) Not use the space for parking vehicles or for any other purpose.

(iv) Not construct any structures — permanent/ temporary or alter the site area.

(v) Take care of the site on behalf of the owner.

(vi) Area Corporators or officials may cooperate and encourage such green initiatives for successful implementation throughout the city where vacant sites exist. MUDA extensions have many vacant CA sites, unallotted sites and in some industrialised layouts, huge tracts of lands are lying vacant. They may also be considered for such greening initiative.

Horticulture Assistance: Once these formalities are completed, citizens may seek advice / assistance from the Horticulture / Agriculture Department for soil testing and growing seasonal varieties of greens / vegetables / fruits and flowers; for supply of quality seeds and other inputs and also to create mini carbon sinks in the neighbourhood.

MCC can help such citizens by supplying, at reasonable cost, organic compost being produced at their waste composting units across the city through Pourakarmikas in a Ward for use in their green spaces around their homes and in pots in their balconies/ terrace gardens, for improving the air quality in the city. By adopting this innovative green PPP solution, Mysuru city can avoid unhealthy growth of weeds and ensure a clean neighbourhood.

—Vasanthkumar Mysoremath,
Environmentalist
Tilaknagar
30.5.2021

'Decision on considering CET marks for admission to professional courses soon'

Bengaluru, June 6 (SSV)- The suggestion from Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar to consider only marks obtained in CET and NEET for admission to professional courses will be considered and a decision will be taken soon, said Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister, Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Dr. Ashwathnarayan

Suresh Kumar

He told media here yesterday that till now, getting minimum marks was set as a criterion for seeking admission to Engineering and Medical courses. But, now, in view of the cancellation of annual examinations, this would not be possible. So, a new decision will be taken after discussing with officials concerned and academicians.

Since it will also require an amendment to the existing Act, this will be discussed with legal experts and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa too, he said.

It may be mentioned here that Minister Suresh Kumar on Saturday appealed to Minister Dr. Ashwathnarayan to consider only CET marks for admission to professional courses since the State has cancelled Board examination for II PUC students.

In a letter to Dr. Ashwathnarayan, he said, "We have taken the decision to cancel the II PU exams and the decision was necessary to balance the intensity of COVID second wave and safety of the students and parents."

"We have followed certain guidelines behind the decision to pass II PUC students without a test. We have also decided to give grading results by considering these students' I PU scores as well as SSLC result and adding the appropriate value. We have also announced that if any student is not satisfied with his or her results, tests can be taken at later dates and it may be difficult to make a more relevant decision," he stated.

Usually II PU marks are considered for CET and the result is declared by providing appropriate weightage. This time grading result will give students the opportunity to take another test even though they are sure of their talent. Thus, it is important to note that this time the II PU students may take CET into account, and this may be useful for students, he added.

SWR Mysuru Division records growth trend in freight traffic

Mysuru, June 6- Indian Railways is committed in ensuring movement of essential goods to reach throughout the country. Despite challenging circumstances of outbreak of COVID-19, wheels of Indian Railways keeps on moving.

Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) has registered an unprecedented growth of 1152 % in freight revenue of Rs. 59.95 crore during May 2021 as against the corresponding period of last year.

Mysuru Division has achieved an Originating Loading of 0.768MT in May-2021 as against of 0.082 MT during May-2020 by registering a growth of 836.59%.

Loading of Iron ore from Mysuru Division has shown a highest ever monthly growth of 0.678MT and a revenue of Rs.53.83 crore. First ever loading of Two Point Originating Combination in Newly Modified Goods (NMG) rake which contains two-wheelers from Kadakola of Mysuru Division and Tillers from Malur of Bengaluru Division. Business Development Unit (BDU) has captured new traffic of Sugar from Haveri and loaded 0.002 MT of Sugar to Navi Mumbai by fetching an additional revenue of Rs. 20.65 lakh.

The growth has been possible through continuous interactions and marketing efforts of the BDU constituted in the division to revitalise the freight segment in this critical situation.

Similarly, the parcel revenue has also witnessed an upward trend with the division grossing revenue of Rs. 16.15 lakh for the month of May 2021 in comparison to Rs. 5.93 lakh in May 2020.

The Division loaded its traditional commodities like iron-ore, petroleum products, cement, food grains like maize and sugar etc., from Stations — Sasalu, Ranibennur, Amravati Colony, Ammasandra, Chikjajur, Haveri and Hassan, according to a press release from K. Anoop Chand, PRO, SWR, Mysuru.

Free vaccination for specially abled and their caretakers till June 12

Mysuru, June 6- Women and Child Welfare Department and Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens have organised a separate vaccination camp for the specially abled persons in the age group of 18-44 years age group and their caretakers at Government School for Blind in Tilaknagar here from June 7 to June 12, according to a release.

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A Trust has been setup and 4 year scholarships in Memory of **Smt. Thangamma,** to needy girl students of Kollegal Taluk for Engineering and Medical are being awarded

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Maddur Taluk
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08231 - 242277

Srirangapatna Taluk
08236 - 252029

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08236 - 255128

Nagamangala Taluk
08234 - 285045

K.R. Pet Taluk
08230 - 262227

KODAGU

COVID Hospital
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Restore legacy of Nalwadi: Minister writes to CM

- Nirani wants Govt. to celebrate Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti
- Urges Yediyurappa to install Wadiyar statues across the State
- Wants Government to include lessons on Wadiyar in textbooks

Bengaluru, June 6- Mines and Geology Minister and Kalaburagi District in-Charge Minister Murugesh R. Nirani has requested Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) to take steps to make future generations remember the legendary Mysore Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

He made several suggestions including celebration of birth anniversary of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who laid the foundation for modern industrial growth in Karnataka.

Nirani, in his letter to Yediyurappa on the occasion of 137th birth anniversary of Nalwadi on June 4, opined that it was necessary to make future generations learn the greatness of the Maharaja.

"Steps should be taken to include lessons on Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in the text books for primary school, high school, Pre-University and Degree Colleges. State Government should conduct his birth anniversary events and June 4 as Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti. The birth anniversary of Wadiyar who started many industries should also be celebrated as 'Industries Day' in the State," Nirani suggested.

Murugesh R. Nirani

The Mines and Geology Minister requested the Government to erect statues of Nalwadi at important locations across the State. "Statues of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar will help tourists learn about his greatness. It was during his time that the idle 'Praja Prathinidhi Sabha' was transformed into the real forum of people's representatives," Nirani said in his letter.

Lauding Wadiyar's pioneering achievements in the erstwhile Mysore State, Nirani said that the credit must go to Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar for starting Asia's first hydro power project.

He further added that Bengaluru got street-lights in 1905 due to his efforts. Setting up of Mysore University was another great achievement of Wadiyar, extolled Nirani.

Elaborating Wadiyar's contributions, Minister Nirani said that hundreds of hospitals were constructed due to his efforts. "Wadiyar built 270 hospitals across the State. Minto Eye Hospital in Bengaluru had attained global fame and Tuberculosis Hospital in Mysuru was modified and the Mysore Bank functioned with private partnership. Government should consider all these factors and take steps to restore his legacy," Nirani requested in his letter to the Chief Minister.

Kerala retains top spot in NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21, Bihar at bottom

Karnataka ranks third with three other States

New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)- Kerala has retained the top spot while Bihar is at the bottom of NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21 which was released on Thursday.

While Kerala retained the top spot with a score of 75, both Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are at the second rank with a score of 74 and Karnataka (72) stood third along with few other States. Assam (57), Jharkhand (56) and Bihar (52) are the worst-performing States this year.

First launched in December 2018, the index has become the primary tool for monitoring progress on the SDGs in the country and has simultaneously fostered competition among the states and Union Territories (UTs) by ranking them on the Global Goals.

NITI Aayog has the twin mandate to oversee the adoption and monitoring of the SDGs in the country and also promote competitive and cooperative federalism among the States.

The index represents the articulation of the comprehensive nature of the Global Goals under the 2030 Agenda while being attuned to the national priorities. The modular nature of the index has become a policy tool and a ready reckoner for gauging progress of States on the expansive nature of goals including health, education, gender, economic growth, institutions, climate change and environment.

NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Dr. Rajiv Kumar launched the report titled, SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21: Partnerships in the Decade of Action, in the presence of Dr. Vinod Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog and Sanyukta Samaddar, Adviser (SDGs), NITI Aayog.

"Our effort of monitoring SDGs through the SDG India Index & Dashboard continues to be widely noticed and applauded around the world. It remains a rare data-driven initiative to rank our States and Union Territories by computing a composite index on the SDGs. We are confident that it will remain a matter of aspiration and emulation and help propel monitoring efforts at the international level," Dr. Kumar said during the launch.

With one-third of the journey towards achieving the 2030 Agenda behind us, this edition of the index report focuses on the significance of partnerships as its theme, he added.

Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, said: "The report reflects on the partnerships we have built and strengthened during our SDG efforts. The narrative throws light on how collaborative initiatives can result in better outcomes and greater impacts."

On the theme of partnerships which is central to Goal 17, Dr. Paul said, "It is clear that by working together we can build a more resilient and sustainable future, where no one is left behind."

"From covering 13 Goals with 62 indicators in its first edition in 2018, the third edition covers 16 Goals on 115 quantitative indicators, with a qualitative assessment on Goal 17, thereby reflecting our continuous efforts towards refining this important tool," said Samaddar, Adviser (SDGs), NITI Aayog.

The Index, developed in collaboration with the United Nations in India, measures the progress at the national and sub-national level in the country's journey towards meeting the Global Goals and targets and has been successful as an advocacy tool to propagate the messages of sustainability, resilience, and partnerships, as well.

From covering 13 Goals, 39 targets and 62 indicators in the first edition in 2018-19 to 17 Goals, 54 targets and 100 indicators in the second; this third edition of the index covers 17 Goals, 70 targets and 115 indicators.

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

Mysuru, June 6- The following individuals/ institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying adoption fee:

Sevayajna Foundation's Maruthi Naik, Murdeshwara - Comb Duck (Rs. 2,000); Soujanya Hegde, Bengaluru - Great Indian Hornbill & Rainbow Lorikeet (Rs. 7,000); Roopashree Kulal, wife of M.S. Panichethan, Mysuru - Rhesus Macaque (Rs. 5,000); M.A. Kumar Kashyap, Mysuru - Red Avadavat (Rs. 1,000), M.J. Ananth Raj, Bengaluru - Barasingha (Rs. 7,500); Govindraju, Mysuru - Red Lory (Rs. 2,000), C. Manjula, Mysuru - Green Anaconda (Rs. 10,000) and M.R. Nithesh, son of M.T. Ramachandrappa (RFO), Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500) according to a press release.

Survey of Rajara Gaddige in Madikeri begins

- Most of the 19.88-acre land encroached
- Survey ordered by High Court

Madikeri, June 6 (PS&BCT)- Following a directive from the Karnataka High Court to Madikeri Tahsildar to conduct a survey of 19.88 acres of the area where Raja's Tomb *(Rajara Gaddige)* is situated at Mahadevpet near Madikeri, the officer began the survey yesterday along with his team and amidst tight Police security.

The survey was carried out under the leadership of Tahsildar Mahesh. In March this year, a Division Bench, headed by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka, while hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by J.S. Virupakshaiah, a former State Information Commissioner, had ordered the Tahsildar to conduct a detailed survey for the Government to reclaim the encroached land.

Virupakshaiah had alleged that there are several encroachments in the historical tomb area. Initially, the *Gaddige* had 19.88 acres of land. However, most of the land has been encroached and some have even built houses on the encroached land. Even a Government building has come up on the *Gaddige* land.

The PIL brought to the notice of the Court about 31 families residing in the encroached land. In spite of having no land documents, the Panchayat has provided water, electricity, road and other basic facilities, Virupakshaiah had said in the PIL.

Now the survey has begun with tight Police security. The Court will hear the PIL again on June 17 and the District Administration has to submit a report on the original land, encroached part and other details.

Before the survey team began work, Town Panchayat members Amin Mohisin, Basheer and Mansoor urged the Tahsildar to first demarcate the borders of the *Gaddige* as they said it is not possible to determine encroachment unless the borders are marked.

Speaking to reporters, Tahsildar Mahesh said that during the last hearing, the Bench had given six weeks for the submission of the report. "Due to COVID and Town Panchayat polls, the survey could not be taken up so far. Now the survey is being carried out as per the Court directions. The exact border of the *Gaddige* will be identified and demarcated. The land has been listed under the Archaeological Survey of India Survey Number 30/1 and there is 19.88 acres. The Bench has also directed us to prepare a sketch of the entire land and pin-point encroachments. We are trying to bring out the truth regarding encroachments," Mahesh said.

There are three tombs built for the royal dynasty. The central tomb which is the largest among the three is of Kodava king Doddaveerarajendra and his wife Mahadeviamma. The right tomb is built by Chikkaveerarajendra for his father Lingarajendra in 1820.

The left tomb belongs to Veerarajendra's guru Rudrappa built in 1834. Closer to the tombs is the burial place of the two brave royal officials Biddanda Bopu — Bopu Dandanayaka — and his son Biddanda Somaiah, who sacrificed their life fighting with Tipu Sultan. In fact, Doddaveerarajendra had erected a plaque in the memory his soldiers in 1779.

Encroachers have political clout

Rajara Gaddige is one of the tourist attractions in Kodagu and tourists who visit Abbey Falls will pass Rajara Gaddige en route. However, it is in deplorable condition owing to the negligence of the Government and encroachment of land by local residents and vested interests.

The Gaddige land became is controversial as the people who have encroached have the blessings of certain politicians who have consistently opposed any move of eviction and also development. Last year too, the Kodagu District Administration had attempted to conduct a survey of the land to determine the encroachment but the survey was withdrawn after protests from encroachers.

Years back Madikeri Urban Development Authority had tried to develop the Gaddige into a tourist attraction. But it could only reclaim 3.5 acres and the rest of the land remained with the encroachers who opposed any move to evict them. Surprisingly, with their clout, the encroachers have managed to obtain all municipal facilities including water, power and roads.

Ten-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Economic Corridor to be thrown open by Feb-March, 2022

Bengaluru, June 6 (KMS& SSV)- The works on Mysuru-Bengaluru ten-lane economic corridor will be complete in the stipulated period and will be dedicated to the nation in February-March next year, said Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Govind Karjol.

Talking to reporters here yesterday, he said the project, being taken up by National Highway Authority of India, was going on briskly despite COVID-19 pandemic. Already, 40 percent to 60 percent of works were completed and it will be ready for inauguration in another 8-9 months. This ten-lane economic corridor will also link to Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai Corridor.

The works between Bengaluru and Chennai were going on in full phase, he added.

Karjol said his Department had put up a good show in spite of Corona crisis. Of the total Rs 9,033 crore for the year 2019-20, Rs 8,788 crore had been spent and in 2020-21, the progress has been 99 percent with spending of Rs. 10,743 crore of the total Rs.10,893 crore released grants to the Department.

In all, Rs 12,122 crore had been spent on development of 12,125 km. Besides, the construction of 2,961 km State Highway, 9,164 district main roads and 621 bridges had been done in the last one year, he noted.

Rohini Sindhuri, Shilpa Nag transferred after tussle

- Dr. Bagadi Gautham will be Mysuru DC
- G. Lakshmikanth Reddy will be MCC Commissioner

Mysuru, June 6 (BCT)- In a late-night development yesterday, the State Government transferred two warring IAS Officers — Rohini Sindhuri (Deputy Commissioner) and C.T. Shilpa Nag (Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner) — out of Mysuru, putting an end to their fight that was staged in full public view. The spat had left B.S. Yediyurappa Government red-faced at a time when Mysuru was fighting raging COVID-19 pandemic.

Rohini Sindhuri

Shilpa Nag

Dr. Bagadi Gautham

G. Lakshmikanth Reddy

The Government also issued orders to a minor shakeup of the bureaucracy in the State. The transfer came after three days of war of words and series of media statements between the senior officers that began with the emergency meeting called by Shilpa Nag to announce her decision to quit where she levelled harassment charges against Rohini Sindhuri.

The DC retorted by releasing press notes and that too were countered by Shilpa Nag. The statements and counter statements snowballed into major controversy and the Government was criticised for not taking action against the IAS Officer.

Following the spat between the two officers, Karnataka Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar had held a meeting in Mysuru on June 4 to take stock of the COVID-19 preparedness of the district, where it was learnt that both IAS Officers had submitted reports justifying their respective positions to him. Shilpa Nag also tried to hand over her resignation to him, but he did not accept it and instead asked her to focus on the COVID-19-related work in Mysuru.

Yesterday, Shilpa Nag had told reporters that she has decided to withdraw her decision of resigning from civil services and would be back to work from Sunday (June 6) "I will start working from Sunday," she had said. Hours after Shilpa Nag's statement, the transfer order was issued.

Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Additional Commissioner for Commercials Taxes for Bengaluru, will replace Rohini Sindhuri as the Mysuru DC and Managing Director of Food and Civil Supplies Corporation G. Lakshmikanth Reddy will be the new Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner in place of Shilpa Nag. The transfers came after Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar briefed CM Yediyurappa on the fight between Sindhuri and Nag.

While 2009 batch IAS Officer Sindhuri has been appointed as Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, a post she had held earlier, 2014 batch IAS Officer Shilpa Nag has been posted as Director (e-Governance) at the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, where she was before her Mysuru assignment.

Apart from Sindhuri and Nag, the order of their transfer also states that Special Health Commissioner P. Rajendra Cholan has been given additional charge as the Managing Director (MD) of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), while K.A. Dayananda is now a Commissioner of BBMP Administration.

Rohini Sindhuri meets CM

File photo

Mysuru, June 6 (BCT)- In a swift development after the State Government passed the transfer order last night, Rohini Sindhuri met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa this morning in Bengaluru. She urged the CM not to transfer her as she was in the midst of COVID work in Mysuru and was aiming at making Mysuru a COVID-free district by July 1.

Sources from Bengaluru said that Rohini Sindhuri called on Yediyurappa at his official residence Cauvery and requested the CM to reconsider the transfer decision. She explained to the CM about her work in Mysuru and refuted allegations made against her.

Giving a patient hearing to Rohini Sindhuri, the CM told her that it is not possible to revoke the transfer and asked the IAS officer to take charge of her new responsibilities. The CM too confirmed this to reporters and said, "In the light of transfers, Rohini Sindhuri had come to meet me. There is no question of re-examining the transfers. I have asked her to report to the Department to which she has been transferred to."

Reports said that Rohini Sindhuri came in a private car to Bengaluru.

Will resign if BJP bosses want: CM

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Series of New Delhi visits

It may be mentioned here that ever since the BJP high command made it categorically clear that currently the party is in no mood to discuss leadership change, State leaders have been visiting New Delhi. State BJP Vice-President, B.Y. Vijayendra, who is the son of the CM, recently met BJP National President J. P. Nadda and claimed that his zeal has been reinforced as there will be no leadership change.

After him, BJP National General Secretary C.T. Ravi too visited Delhi. Murugesh Nirani, who is one of the aspirants for becoming the CM, also visited Delhi citing personal work. Sources said that if at all there is a leadership change, the high command would prefer Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan or Union Minister Pralhad Joshi for the CM's post.

If the Lingayat lobby succeeds in wresting the post, it will be Aravind Bellad, Murugesh Nirani or Basanagouda Patil Yatnal. All the three are from Panchamasali sect that is dominant in Karnataka Lingayat community.

Sources also said that the Central leadership has asked the CM to bring down the COVID positivity rate by 5 percent. It is learnt that at this point, the BJP high Command is only focussing on the pandemic and the change in guard will be done later.

Lakshmikanth Reddy takes charge as new MCC Commissioner

New MCC Commissioner Lakshmikanth Reddy seen with outgoing Commissioner Shilpa Nag before taking charge this morning.

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Meanwhile, Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who has been appointed as the new Deputy Commissioner (DC), will be taking charge of office this afternoon, according to sources.

Both the officers will take over the administration of Mysuru city and Mysuru district at a time when the COVID positivity rate stands at 27.74 percent. Apart from COVID, there is also the threat of Black Fungus cases that have claimed a couple of lives.

Incidentally, Dr. Gautham's wife S. Aswathi is the Deputy Commissioner of Mandya. After a four-year courtship, the two IAS officers had tied the knot in Kerala on Feb. 14, 2019, on Valentine's Day. At that time, Dr. Gautham was the Davanagere DC while Aswathi was Davanagere Zilla Panchayat CEO. Dr. Gautham is the son of Krishnarao-Parvathi couple from Vishakhapatnam (Vizag) in Andhra Pradesh.

Shilpa takes back resignation; to assume new post tomorrow

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Without naming the DC while talking to reporters this morning after handing over the charge to her successor, she said once again trained the guns on her (Rohini Sindhuri) and accused her of witch hunting even after she put down the papers by putting an officer to spy on her. Notices have been served on her in last two days.

Even details of the achievements made by her (Shilpa) as part of COVID management had been fudged to tarnish her image as well of the MCC, she said. The officers of MCC are knowledgeable and work on the field unlike those who sit in the air conditioned rooms and give directions. "The pain I underwent in the last four months made me to call press conference to announce my resignation to protest against the prevailing system in Mysuru, and also against those who are behind it. I have no regrets for whatever I spoke against her", she added.

Mysuru Taluk Panchayat EO visits Doddakaturu and Taluru villages

Mysuru, June 6- Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (TP) Executive Officer (EO) M.S. Ramesh visited Doddakaturu and Taluru villages coming under Doora Gram Panchayat (GP) limits yesterday to review 'Vaidyara Nade - Halliya Kade' (Doctors' march towards villages), a programme launched by the State Government to weed out Corona pandemic from rural areas.

While addressing the Health Department and GP staff, Ramesh said, "As a precautionary measure, symptomatic patients would be identified and test will be conducted. Medical kits will be distributed on the spot to all persons with positive results and would be admitted to COVID Care Centres."

He also urged the staff to create awareness among rural community and make this ambitious programme successful.

GP President Mangalagowri, Vice-President D. Mahadevaswamy, Members Kuberu, Ravikumar, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Hemanth Kumar, Santoshkumar and others were present during the EO's visit.

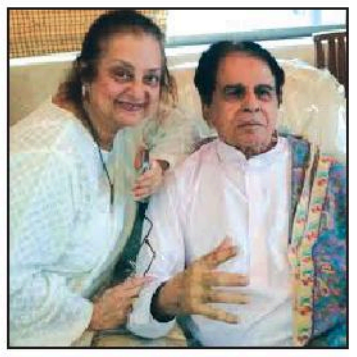
Legendary actor Dilip Kumar hospitalised

New Delhi, June 6- Legendary actor Dilip Kumar has been admitted to Mumbai's Hinduja hospital this morning after he complained of breathlessness.

A tweet from the actor's verified Twitter account, handled by his manager, shared an update on the actor's health. "Dilip Sahab has been admitted to non-COVID PD Hinduja Hospital Khar for routine tests and investigations. He's had episodes of breathlessness. A team of healthcare workers led by Dr. Nitin Gokhale is attending to him. Please keep Sahab in your prayers and please stay safe," read the tweet.

The actor is currently under the care of a team of senior doctors, Cardiologist Dr. Nitin Gokhale and Pulmonologist Dr. Jalil Parkar, at the hospital. They are closely monitoring his condition. The 98-year-old actor was admitted to the hospital last month as well for his regular health check-up and was discharged two days later.

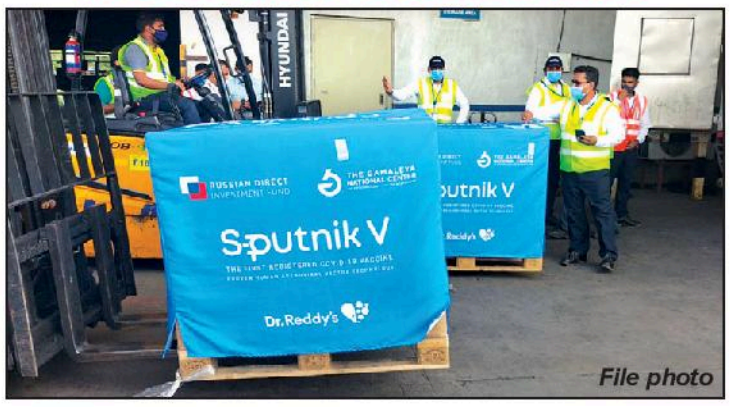
Before the imposition of the nationwide-lockdown in March last year, actor Dilip Kumar revealed that he and his wife, actress Saira Banu, were under "complete isolation and quarantine" as a precautionary measure against Coronavirus. In a separate post, he requested his fans to "stay indoors as much as possible." Saira Banu also shared an update on the legendary actor's health in the form of an audio visual message, in which she said, "*Sab kuch theek hai, allah ka shukr hai, aap sab ki dua hai* (We have your love. We have your affection and we are so grateful to you and so grateful to God. God is kind, thank you)."



A file photo of actor Dilip Kumar with his wife Saira Banu.

Dilip Kumar is best-known for his performances in classics such as *Kohinoor, Mughal-e-Azam, Shakti, Naya Daur* and *Ram Aur Shyam,* to name a few. He was last seen in the 1998 film *Qila.*

Manipal Hospitals expand its vaccine portfolio with Sputnik V pilot



File photo

Bengaluru, June 6 (UNI)- Manipal Hospitals, India's second largest multi-speciality hospital chain, announced collaboration with Dr. Reddy's Laboratories to add the Sputnik V vaccine pilot in its existing vaccine portfolio that comprises of Covishield and Covaxin.

Speaking on the occasion, Karthik Rajagopal, COO, Manipal Health Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., said: "Manipal Hospitals has worked closely with Dr. Reddy's to create the state-of-the-art infrastructure to maintain Sputnik V vaccine. The hospital chain has successfully conducted vaccination drives with Covishield and Covexin across the country till date and will continue the efforts along with the new addition of Sputnik V. We are expecting the vaccine to be available for the public soon in the latter half of the month."

Addressing the need of the hour especially with the first batch of the Sputnik V vaccine directly transported from Russia, Manipal Hospitals has invested in creating a robust cold chain storage infrastructure as the vaccine needs to be stored in minus 18 degree centigrade.

Manipal Hospitals and Dr. Reddy's took extensive efforts to ensure stringent cold chain maintenance as per the required guidelines for the vaccine. The cold chain storage even has a real-time logger which records the temperature every second.

According to a press release here today (June 6), M.V. Ramana, CEO, Branded Markets (India & Emerging Markets), Dr. Reddy's, said: "We are pleased to collaborate with Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru as we scale up our soft pilot launch of the Sputnik V vaccine in India and extend it to more cities ahead of the commercial launch later in June. In the upcoming months we hope to inoculate as many Indians as possible."

Webinar on 'COVID: Alarms conserving environment and cleanliness'

Mysuru, June 6- Seshadripuram Degree College, Mysuru, in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), NSS Cell, Field Outreach Bureau, Mysuru, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Achievers Academy, Srirangapatna and Bhavaisiri Organisation, had organised a Webinar on 'COVID: Alarms conserving environment and cleanliness' yesterday through Google Meet.

The Webinar began with an invocation of Environment Song by Nagashree Thyagaraj. Dr. T.C. Poornima, Deputy Director, Filed Outreach Bureau, Mysuru, was the convener of the programme. She spoke briefly about the Environmental issues seen from past ten years and the role of World Organisation with the theme of 'One Earth' which started in 1972 with the motto to save nature by Reimagining, Recreating and Restoring activities.

Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal, Seshadripuram Degree College, in her inaugural address, shared light on environmental awareness with the views of Mahatma Gandhi and great environmental activist Sundarlal Bahuguna.

She shared her major concern on environmental exploitation in the times of COVID-19 pandemic. Where adverse use of plastics in the form masks, chemicals, sanitisers, soaps and pesticides have resulted in the pollution of nature, damages to rivers and deforestation.

She concluded by giving a call to students for actively participating in environmental concerned activities through NSS, NCC, Walkathons and Cyclothons.

Dr. R. Raghavendra, COVID-19 NSS Special Nodal Officer, Mandya district, was the resource person for the programme. He spoke at length regarding the environmental conservation and metal health in the times of COVID-19 pandemic.

He emphasised on the futuristic approaches needed to balance the ecosystem by taking precautionary measures like growing trees, raising saplings, consuming nutritious organic food, usage of environment-friendly products, maintenance of plastic-free surroundings and having harmony with nature.

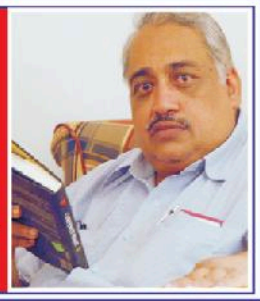
He elaborated on the importance of mental health and social responsibilities of every individual in the times of COVID-19 pandemic. The need to follow a healthy lifestyle by practicing Yoga, Walking, Jogging, Aerobics, lung exercises, proper ventilation and oxygen supplies.

He concluded by appreciating the efforts of family members, friends, neighbours and volunteers in motivating the COVID-19 Positive individuals in building mental strength, overcome stress, overthrow loneliness and eradication of discrimination.

Volunteers of Bhavaisiri, teaching and non-teaching staff members, NCC & NSS volunteers and students of Seshadripuram Degree College attended the webinar.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



Heroes; not Unseen but certainly Unsung !

The week that has gone by has been a very traumatising and painful one for the entire medical and para-medical fraternity of the country. I say this because of the two very serious incidents we saw of hoodlums attacking the very same hospitals and doctors who were treating COVID cases amid some very steep odds, simply because they failed in saving two of their patients. While one incident happened in distant Assam, the second one occurred much nearer home in Tarikere, a small town in Chikmagalur District. Both the attacks were murderous because of the extreme brutality that has gone into them.

In Assam a frenzied mob was seen in the viral videos, kicking and bashing up a lone, helpless, young duty doctor with stout clubs and metal basins, a woman was even seen picking up a cement slab and rushing to club him with it. And, in the assault on the doctor at Tarikere, the assailants had hit him on the neck with a chopper that left him bleeding profusely. If not for the kind passersby who quickly lifted him bodily and rushed him to the nearest hospital, he would certainly have bled to his death in a very short time.

The videos are so gruesome that you cannot watch them without quickly turning away your eyes in pain, distress and disgust. Another gut-wrenching video shows the extensive injuries that have been inflicted which makes one wonder how the two helpless doctors survived the attacks. **While they will both certainly take months to recover from their physical injuries, I do not think that they will ever recover from their mental trauma which is bound to give them regular nightmares lifelong.**

And, when you come to think of it, incidents like these are not few and far between in our country any longer. Even with most of them going unreported, we do hear of them with alarming frequency. While some States including ours too, took cognisance of their seriousness and frequency and framed fairly stiff special laws, the outcome has not been encouraging at all. These legislations no doubt advocate harsh penalties and mandatory imprisonment for the culprits. **But sadly, the twin bug bears of them being easily bailed out and the sluggishness of our judicial process let them remain scot-free for years on end which only makes a mockery of the law itself.**

Added to this, the rather strange but inherent hesitation of doctors in pursuing the cases through the almost unending legal process ensures that the culprits are never convicted. All this makes doctors and all medical establishments very soft targets. It is only when hooligans know that someone is defenceless that they dare to take the law into their hands.

Most people think that once a patient goes to a hospital or a clinic, he or she is bound to get well, which is almost as farfetched as expecting immortality. It must be understood by people that doctors and hospitals cannot guarantee a cure in any medical condition however mild, let alone in serious diseases. I say this because the simplest of medical problems can turn into some very life-threatening situations most unexpectedly, for no fault of the treating team.

How many people know that something as trivial as a common cold, that comes and goes on its own, even without any treatment, can sometimes lead to a very lethal and almost untreatable condition called viral myocarditis and cause heart failure and death? This uncertainty about the progress of every disease is the biggest difficulty doctors face in their work, day in and day out and very often it leads to problems with the patients' relatives.

They are unable to accept the fact that the patient could not be saved even after they were made to spend much money on his or her treatment and so they turn their wrath on the treating team. **Very often, the trouble starts when the hospital presents the bill which is always perceived as very high if the outcome of treatment has not been good!**

But despite the brutality meted out to doctors from time-to-time, doctors do not resort to extreme ways of protesting like going on snap strikes and stopping medical services, to urge the Government to come up with satisfactory solutions to their problems. **This is because they feel that they are life-savers first and therefore they should not endanger lives through anything that they do, even under extreme pressure and provocation. This is the noble stuff doctors are made of and it is indeed sad that their nobility is not being recognised by the multitudes they treat.**

Right now, doctors and para-medical workers are fighting their toughest battle, with many of them sacrificing their lives in the process. Eighty-eight doctors have died of COVID in Karnataka itself over the past fourteen months and I have a list of all their names with me. Just as many or even more para-medical personnel too have died. A great many of them contracted the deadly infection while they were discharging their duties.

Only those who have been admitted to hospitals because of COVID and who have seen the struggle that goes on there behind closed doors, to save lives against all odds, will understand their sterling contribution to society. This is the time when most private hospitals are being run in accordance with whatever guidelines the Government has stipulated. And, mind you, even if I use the mildest term, they are indeed very harsh conditions.

Today, many owners of private hospitals are in such a stressful state and financial mess because of unpaid bills and long-pending payments of patients treated under Government welfare schemes over many months, that they do not mind closing down their hospitals and converting them into something different like schools or colleges or even letting them out as office spaces. Yet, in a spirit of exemplary service, they have chosen to stay on in the war against COVID and serve the society.

But I feel that this sad state of affairs should end now. The medical fraternity should become a little more aggressive and demand that the Central and State Governments should immediately come up with some very stringent laws to effectively curb violence against doctors and medical establishments. **The only way to do this is to devise something on the lines of TADA where bail should not be available to anyone against whom there is *prima facie* evidence of lawlessness.**

For the service that medical establishments are rendering to society and how essential they are for the good health of citizens, this is the minimum that needs to be done to protect them. And, to ensure that their rights are protected and ensure that they do not become helpless targets, doctors should form professional associations in every district across the country which can present a united front that can effectively resist violence and vandalism.

Thankfully, we here in Mysuru, took this novel step and formed **MAHAN (The Mysore Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics and Diagnostic Centres)** five years ago, which I am now heading as its President. This newfound unity has strengthened us to collectively face any injustice and harassment that may come our way and also interact with the Government agencies in following up the progress of the cases that we register against any attacks on us or our establishments.

Incidentally, I am told that there is a very unique arrangement in Britain where a few persons of good standing in society are nominated to attend court hearings and watch what goes on there to see if justice is really being dispensed in its true spirit and meaning, without inordinate delays due to adjournments on frivolous grounds presented by the litigants' counsels. I don't see why we here in India, where this problem is very rampant, should not have such an arrangement.

Talking of Britain, I would like to point out here that at the peak of the **Second World War,** when the **Battle of Britain** was on and much before America, Britain's biggest ally entered the war, a stage came when it seemed that a miserably bombed and devastated Britain would certainly lose the war. But the **Royal Air Force (RAF)** personnel in a display of exemplary gallantry, outperformed the German Luftwaffe and did a marvellous job of turning the tide of the battle.

That was when an astonished and grateful **Winston Churchill,** the then Prime Minister, in his address to the nation on 20th August, 1940 said, **"Never before in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."** He called it Britain's **'Finest Hour'!** The **'few'** he was referring to were the fighter and bomber pilots of the **RAF** and his compliment made such an impact that the word he used has remained the sobriquet by which they are still referred to! **So now, even seventy-five years after the war ended, when someone in Britain talks of 'The Few', it is the men and women of the RAF that they are referring to!**

Similarly, we are right now facing a time of great peril and despair because the entire world is certainly going through its biggest crisis. **No war, no famine, no pestilence, no hurricane, no earthquake and no tsunami has had such a widespread and enduring destructive effect on mankind.** But for the doctors and every one of their associates this is their 'Finest Hour' through which they are shining bright, across the globe!

So, I do not think I would be wrong if I say that "Never before in the field of human crisis have so many owed so much to so few"! Please do think about it!

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Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade

5,000 villagers tested in two days

Mysuru, June 6 (RK&SD)- Over 5,000 villagers have undergone Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) within two days under *Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade* (Doctors' march towards villages), a programme launched by the State Government to weed out Corona pandemic from rural areas.

District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar had flagged off this ambitious programme on Friday. The District Administration, as part of this programme, is aiming to hold a mammoth Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) campaign in rural areas following spike in Corona positive cases.

Vehicles carrying the team of doctors, data entry operators,

lab technicians, ASHA workers and Police are visiting villages in all taluks of the district that are having more number of infected persons and are conducting RAT at Government School premises of the villages.

On the first day, 1,700 persons have undergone RAT, while 3,000 persons were tested yesterday. According to Health and Family Welfare Department officials, this unique campaign aims to conduct RAT for all symptomatic patients in rural areas.

"We are aiming to conduct on an average 3,000 tests every day. Earlier, ASHA and Anganawadi workers used to visit each house in rural areas to conduct survey and shortlist the number of infected patients. I would request the public to co-operate with us and undergo testing in case they have any symptoms so as to prevent further spread of infection," said District Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh.

Chamarajanagar COVID Hospital deaths

Probe Commission sets up office in Mysuru

B.A. Patil

Mysuru, June 6 (RK&DM)- The one-man Commission of enquiry comprising Justice B.A. Patil, a retired Judge of the Karnataka High Court, which has been formed by the State Government to probe the events leading to the death of 24 COVID patients at Chamarajanagar District Hospital on the intervening night of May 2-3, has set up the Office at Jaladarshini Guest House premises on Hunsur Road in the city.

Accordingly, the kith and kin of the dead, individuals having interest, associations and organisations can make submission of documents that are available with them concerning the incident, along with an affidavit, within 15 days.

The submissions can be made either in person during working hours of the Commission Office or through a registered post.

Those who submit documents along with the affidavit, are required to appear before the Commission of Inquiry in person on the intimated date, according to a press release issued by the Secretary of Justice B.A. Patil Inquiry Commission.

Mandya District Minister refutes claims of cracks in KRS Dam

K.C. Narayanagowda

Srirangapatna, June 6 (Vinay Karekura&DM)- Refuting the claims by some that the KRS Dam across River Cauvery in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district has developed cracks, Mandya District In-charge Minister K.C. Narayanagowda has asserted that there are no cracks and the dam is absolutely safe.

He was speaking to pressperssons after taking part in the Environment Day celebration organised at a park near Wellesley Bridge in Srirangapatna on Saturday.

Maintaining that he was not aware of what Mandya MP Sumalatha has actually said about the condition of the Dam, Narayanagowda reiterated that no cracks have appeared and the Dam is perfectly stable.

Contending that the officials had conducted a survey of the Dam twice through outside agencies in respect of the Dam's safety and stability, he said that both the survey reports said that no cracks were found on the Dam's entire structure.

Asserting that he was opposed to quarrying activities in the vicinity of the Dam, the Minister said he does not wish to reply to anyone who casts doubt on the safety of KRS Dam.

Arguing that the Government was committed for putting an end to illegal mining and quarrying activities allegedly going on in the district, Narayanagowda however said that the Government will not act against authorised mines which are functioning in accordance with rules and regulations.

The Minister appealed with folded hands not to question him about MP Sumalatha's reported remarks that cracks had appeared in KRS Dam.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, NSS Co-ordinator Suresh, State NSS Officer Pratap Lingaiah, Assistant Commissioner Shivanandamurthy, Tahsildar M.V. Roopa, TP EO Bhyrappa, Assistant Director of Youth Empowerment and Sports Department Anitha, NSS Special Nodal Officer Dr. Raghavendra and others were present.

Aspiring pilot from Kodagu found hanging in Gujarat

Shibi Bopaiah

Madikeri, June 6 (KS)- An aspiring pilot from Kodagu, who was pursuing his pilot training at Aeronautical Training Centre in Ahmedabad, was found hanging on Friday. The body was found hanging from a tree near the training centre in Ahmedabad with earphones still in the ears and wrist watch and shoes intact.

The deceased is Shibi Bopaiah (23), son of Bopaiah, who is working at the Raitha Samparka Kendra in Suntikoppa and Ponnamma, a teacher at Madapura Government Primary School.

Shibi was pursuing his final year pilot training at Ahmedabad Aeronautical Training Centre and had only three months left for the training to be completed.

Shibi, who used to call his parents every night, had not called them on Thursday night. Though his parents called him, the calls went unanswered. On Friday, officials from the training centre called Shibi's brother and informed him that his brother had committed suicide.

Shibi's family members, who have expressed doubts over his death, said that Shibi was a lively and happy person, who would not commit suicide. Shibi's family members, who had left for Gujarat, completed the formalities and brought the body to Kodagu this morning.

Last rites will be held today. Ahmedabad Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Mysuru to get 3,000 tree saplings from Rajahmundry

Dr. D.B. Natesh

Mysuru, June 6 (PM&SD)- To make the city greener, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is planning to get 3,000 tree saplings from Rajahmundry of Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking after participating in the World Environment Day celebration held at Hasiru Mysuru Nursery near Devarayanakere on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road yesterday, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh said, "We are planning to bring 3,000 tree saplings from Rajahmundry. Saplings in general have a bleak survival rate and need to be nurtured before they can grow into plants and then trees.

All these saplings of flower and fruit bearing trees have already grown up to 20 feet height. Taller saplings have 80 percent survival rate compared to the saplings of shorter height. For this reason, we are bringing them from Rajahmundry."

"This season, MUDA is aiming to plant 25,000 saplings in Mysuru. We are also planning to outsource the maintenance work and appoint a person in each of the eight zones of MUDA. In addition, we are aiming to create 10 additional posts to monitor this ambitious programme. If any organisation comes forward to look after the saplings, we are ready to hand over such responsibilities to them, but they themselves have to bear the cost," he said.

'Attack on COVID Warriors will not be tolerated'

Mangaluru, June 6 (UNI)- City Police Commissioner N. Shashi Kumar on Saturday said that any attack on COVID warriors will not be tolerated.

Speaking to reporters here, he said that the Police Department was investigating the recent case of assault on doctors in the city and also regarding the allegation that a COVID positive pregnant woman was denied treatment.

He said the Department has arrested two persons in the case of assault on doctors on duty and is on the lookout for the main accused.

The statement of the woman too has been secured and the same has been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner for further action, he said.

Obituary

Mohammed Wasim Akram

Mysuru, June 6 - Mohammed Waseem Akram (29), Mechanical Engineer, son of Abdul Hakeem and a resident of Rahmania Street in Chamaraja Mohalla, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Bengaluru following brief illness.

He leaves behind his parents, wife Dr. Samara Siddiqa and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial tool place at the Muslim Burial Grounds on Nanjangud Road here yesterday, according to sources.

B.R.K. Kumar

B.R.K. Kumar (81), a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this morning, according to family sources.

H.S. Shanthalakshmi

H.S. Shanthalakshmi, wife of G.V. Srinivasan and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away on Friday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land at Kalale village in Nanjangud taluk, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Flotilla

Pronunciation: floh-TILL-uh.
Meaning: A fleet of ships or boats; especially : a navy organisational unit consisting of two or more squadrons of small warships; an indefinite large number.
Origin: Flotilla comes from the diminutive form of the Spanish noun flota, meaning "fleet." Flota derives via Old French from Old Norse floti and is related to Old English flota (meaning "ship" or "fleet"), an ancestor to English's float. Much like other words referring to groups of particular things (such as swarm), flotilla has taken on expanded usage to refer simply to a large number of something not necessarily having to do with nautical matters, often with humorous effect (e.g., "a flotilla of rather mature-looking male models" — Jed Perl, The New Republic).
Example: "Sometimes, a hot bite, a cold drink, and a flotilla of paddle boats is just right. In fact, after this winter of our discontent, it's just perfect." — Merrill Shindler, The Daily Breeze (Torrance, California), 19 Mar. 2021

THE ODD WORD

Fabaceous

Bean-like.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Foaming at the mouth

Meaning: The phrase foaming at the mouth is an idiom people use to describe someone who is very angry; to be furious.
Origin: This phrase likely originates from a virus called rabies, as it can cause literal foaming at the mouth for the animal that's infected with it. Rabies is a deadly virus that both humans and animals can catch. This virus generally spreads through a bite from an infected animal, like a bat. One symptom of rabies is that it makes swallowing very difficult. Consequently, saliva builds up and there is a 'foaming' at the mouth. This expression is at least over 400 years old. For instance, in 1601, William Shakespeare, a famous poet and playwright, used this common phrase in the play Julius Caesar: "He fell down in the market-place, and foamed at mouth, and was speechless."

QUOTE BOX

Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there's so much to smile about.—**Marilyn Monroe**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

AEIO_

Answer: Missing You.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Competes
5 Bakery item
8 Highland skirt
12 Highest point
13 Conductor __-Pekka Salonen
14 A conception
15 Give actor a role appropriate to his nature? (4-4)
17 Burn or make dry
18 Small child
19 Meaning or plan
21 Suspicious
24 Baking-place
25 Italian city famous for its ancient Roman ruins
26 Apt or fitting
30 A piece of neckwear
31 Secures a cable
32 Devour or consume
33 Lawyer, especially in the U.S.
35 Star Wars' Princes ___
36 Duo
37 See or observe
38 Groups of eight
41 Teacher's title?
42 Common metal
43 In the shape of a tapeworm - "to die in a" change?
48 Recline lazily or hang out
49 PC panic button
50 Causes reverence
51 Influence
52 Decay, moulder
53 A specified period of time

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	O	D	■	P	A	C	T	■	W	H	A	M
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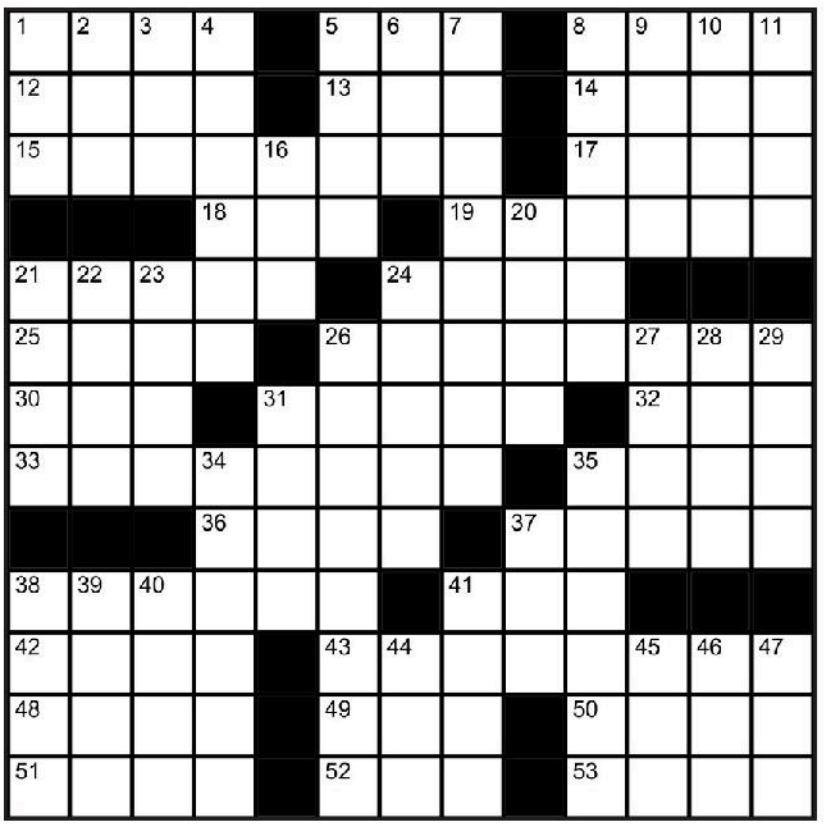
DOWN

1 Large container
2 Freezing
3 Blast result abbr.
4 Boil with anger
5 Thrash or flog
6 United State Steamship, abbr.
7 Birth
8 Former name for River Krishna
9 ___ fixe (an obsession)
10 To bend towards
11 Acidulous
16 Affectedly devious
20 Makes as a profit
21 Greek cheese
22 A small question expressing doubt, wonder or disbelief? (2,2)
23 The printer's word for 'let it stand'
24 External
26 Threatening evil
27 Red vegetable
28 Not of the clergy
29 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
31 Unruly child
34 Without pretence
35 Cowboy's rope; lasso
37 Be victorious
38 Paints used by an artist
39 Blackbird
40 Small Indian weight
41 Religious body
44 Largest active volcano in Japan
45 Run a tab
46 Suffix with "cash" or "sold"
47 Distinguished Service Medal, abbr.



SUDOKU

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9								7
				2	1			3
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4		3			5			
			1		6		3	2

Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	6	7	1	3	8	9	4
1	9	3	6	8	4	5	7	2
8	4	7	9	5	2	1	6	3
3	8	4	1	9	5	7	2	6
6	7	2	3	4	8	9	1	5
9	1	5	2	7	6	3	4	8
4	3	9	5	2	7	6	8	1
7	6	8	4	3	1	2	5	9
5	2	1	8	6	9	4	3	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HZI TGFRHJKF KT MRJIFRI TJRHJKF JM FKH UOVUCM HK

XSIBJRH HZI TGHGSI YGH MKPIHJPIM HK XSINIFH JH.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.

Mysuru Citizens Forum donates 5,000 medical kits to MCC

Mysuru, June 6 (RKB&DM)- Pitching in its mite in the battle against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the Mysuru Citizens Forum on Friday donated 5,000 medical kits to the MCC at a programme organised at Suttur Mutt premises at the foot of Chamundi Hill here.

The medical kits were handed over to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag by Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji in the presence of District Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Speaking on the occasion, S.T. Somashekar lauded the service of MCF. Pointing out that many donors are coming forward for donating in cash and kind to fight the deadly pandemic, he said that it is satisfactory to note that COVID test positivity rate is coming down in the State. The donation of medical kits will help in these trying times, he added.

KR MLA S.A. Ramdas said that the co-operation of everyone is important to ensure success of the District Administration's resolve to make Mysuru as COVID-free district by July 1, marking International Doctors Day.

MP Pratap Simha opined that the deadly COVID contagion that broke out last year was not as deadly as the current second wave of the attack. Maintaining that the present situation is totally different from the one last year, he sought full co-operation from the public for tackling the pandemic which is causing havoc across the globe.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said that the dwindling number of positive cases has brought some relief. However, it is a matter of concern that cases are rising in rural and interior areas of the district, he said and asked the people to take all precautionary and safety measures for their own health, well-being and safety.

Terming the recent Chamarajanagar incident in which a family of four ended their lives in a suicide pact after being alienated by neighbours for contracting the virus, as unfortunate, the Seer advised the people not to discriminate COVID-recovered persons. MCF President R. Vasudev Bhat said that the medical kits are meant for distribution among isolated COVID positive patients.

Pointing out that each medical kit contains a set of 5 surgical masks, Ivermectin, Vitamin, Paracetamol, Doxycyclin and Ranitidine tablets in accordance with the required dosage, he said that the MCF had planned to donate 18,000 kits. But as the authorities advised against stocking for now, it was decided to donate 5,000 kits now, he said and added that the total cost was Rs. 8 lakh.

He further said that the MCF was ready to donate 10,000 more medical kits whenever the authorities ask for.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda and Tanveer Sait, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, JLR Chairman M. Appanna, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Karnataka Compost Development Corporation Chairman S. Mahadevaiah, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others were present.

Krishnaraja Yuvakara Balaga distributed grocery kits to the homeless, poor and the needy and to housemaids at Kanaka Community Bhavan recently. The grocery kits were distributed by Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar and elders of Kurubarahalli. Shankar, Prakash Kurubarahalli, Basavaraj, Dhanpal, Rajesh, Srinivas, Pavan Siddaramu, Shashiraj and others were present.

Cyient DLM Private Limited, as part of its CSR activity, donated 15 ICU beds to Princess Krishnajamanni Super Speciality Hospital at Metagalli on June 2 which was received by Dr. Mohan. Cyient DLM Administration Manager Chandrashekar, Prashanth and others were present.

Ration kits to Rail *Sahayaks* and house-keeping staff

Mysuru, June 6- The *Sahayaks* (earlier called Licensed Coolie Porters) and housekeeping staff are among the worst affected people in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic.

The second wave has brought about untold misery for them by snatching away their livelihood which is primarily the meagre porterage they earn by carrying passengers' luggage.

With drastic reduction in travel plans by Rail users, leading a decent life has become very tough for them. Recognising the plight of these economically marginalised group, the members of the Indian Railway Ticket Checking Staff Organisation (IRTCSO) of Mysuru Division pooled their resources and donated ration kits for sixty members who work at Mysuru Railway Station. Each kit contains 5-kg rice, 1-kg dal, 1-kg sugar and half a litre edible oil.

Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, who was present on this occasion, appreciated the efforts of the Ticket Checking Organisation for the noble gesture of providing some succour to the needy in these critical times.

Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Mysuru, Mayur Subbaiah, Divisional Working President and other office- bearers of IRTCSO, Mysuru Division, were present, according to a press release.

Jeetu Trade Links has donated electric kettles and five litre sanitiser cans to 32 Police Stations and Fire Brigade Stations in city recently. Jain Samaj leaders Kanthilal, Patwari, Chandragupta, Rajan Baghmar and Amar Chand were present.

Malabar contributes 1,00,000 free COVID-19 vaccines

Kozhikode, June 6- With a mission to strengthen the fight against COVID-19, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the leading jewellery retailer with a strong global retail network of over 260 outlets spread across 10 countries, has decided to contribute 1,00,000 free COVID vaccines.

The vaccines will be administered for inoculating people who are vulnerable to the disease with limited access to the vaccine apart from jewellery artisans, employees, investors and their dependents. This initiative is part of a series of CSR initiatives Malabar has been working on during the pandemic.

"As the country is battling a resurgent wave of COVID cases, vaccination has become extremely important to prevent the pandemic spread. This initiative is the first step in our contribution to the nationwide vaccination drive. We will use our services and infrastructure to reach out to and vaccinate those who are most vulnerable to the disease.

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This includes elderly and those with chronic illnesses who will be identified through charitable associations and like-minded organisations. We have earmarked Rs. 8 crore for vaccination drive," said M.P. Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Group.

The vaccination drive will be held at both the company premises and through tie-ups with leading hospitals administering WHO-approved vaccines.

In addition to this, Malabar is also undertaking several initiatives to support vaccination drive, which includes educating people about the importance of getting vaccinated as well as following safety protocol.

Mysuru's Cycle Pure Agarbathi gets Zero Carbon certification

Mysuru, June 6 (KS)- Cycle Pure Agarbathi, the world's largest incense manufacturer in city, is the world's first and only company in the home worship segment to earn the Zero Carbon or Carbon Neutral Certification.

The conglomerate's effort has been recognised by the United Kingdom's (UK) Natural Capital Partners, a widely known voluntary carbon offset and sustainability solutions provider in the world.

Cycle Pure collaborated with multiple sustainability initiatives to achieve zero carbon. Their Andipatti and Theni Wind Power Projects in Tamil Nadu deliver zero-emissions. The project is validated and verified by the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and registered with the CDM.

The brand measured its Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and reduced them to net zero through internal changes and through carbon offsetting externally, in accordance with the related requirements of The Carbon Neutral Protocol. The company has reduced 11.040 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO_2e) through carbon offsetting over the last eight years.

Speaking about the certification, Cycle Pure Agarbathi Managing Director Arjun Ranga said: "Today, as climate change unfolds before our eyes, it is our responsibility to provide a healthy planet to our future generations. By choosing to be a zero-carbon manufacturer, we are committed to the future of Mother Earth."

The NR Group embarked on its journey toward carbon neutrality in 2014 with the aid of The Carbon Consulting Company. The brand sponsored projects to offset the Carbon Footprint by retiring the Carbon emissions of 9,753 tonnes from Andipatti Wind Power 2015, 9,733 tonnes from West India Wind Power Project 2016, 9,741 tonnes Harapanahalli Wind Power 2017 and 8,741 tonnes in 2018, 10,585 tonnes from Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka State Solar Power 2019, 11,040 Tonnes from Telangana and Maharashtra Solar Power 2020.

Phone-in programmes

Mysuru, June 6- A phone-in programme to redress the grievances of the public, coming under Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) limits, will be held on June 7 from 11 am to 12 noon. COVID-19 related issues will also be addressed during the event which will be attended by the ZP CEO at the ZP Office. Public may contact Ph: 0821-2526350 to air their grievances.

Scheduled Tribes (ST) Welfare Department has also organised a phone-in programme to redress the grievances of tribal community related to COVID-19 infection tomorrow. The programme will be held at the Office of Project Coordinator, Integrated Tribal Development Project, from 10 am to 11 am. Interested may call Ph: 0821-2427140 to air the grievances.

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited on behalf of the President of India by the Chief Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysuru – 571 130, Karnataka State, from the reputed contractors for the following work.

Tender Reference No.	**BARC (M)/PO&M/CF/VKM/TN/WO/2021/09**
Name of work	Roofing in MS sheet and fabrication of aluminum partition wall with MS reinforcement including supply of material.
Estimated Cost	₹ **3,51 ,000/-**
Period of Completion	**3 Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	NIL, "Bid Security declaration" shall be submitted prior to due date of tender opening.
Security Deposit	2.5% of tendered value
Performance Guarantee	3.0% of tendered value
Cost of Tender Document	₹ **500/-** (Rupees Five hundred only) (Non-Refundable)
Issue of tender document on written request	From **07-06-2021 to 11-06-2021** from **11 am to 4 pm.**
Last date of receipt of sealed tender documents	Up to **15.00Hrs** on **14-06-2021**
Tender Opening date & time	**On 14-06-2021** at **15.05Hrs**
Contact no.	**0821-2406692**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.03/2021-22 Dt: 04.06.2021
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The Executive Engineer, CNNL Yagachi project Division, Belur, Hassan Dist., as per **KW - 4 & 5** format invited **Item Rate** tender (Two covers) through e-procurement only vide No. **2021-22, dated 04.06.2021** on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of **CPWD / KPWD / WRD & in any other Central or State Government Organization as class I contractor & enrolled as Cat-IA** in CNNL.

Details : Diversion of Water from Ranaghatta Pick up Weir for filling of Dwarasamudra and other 6 tanks in Belur taluk, Hassan District and Belavadi tank in Chikkamagalore taluk. Approx., Cost put to tender **Rs. 9720.00 Lakhs EMD Rs. 97.20 Lakhs, stipulated period 24 months (Including Monsoon)** The contractor can have access e-tender documents from **25.06.2021 to 26.07.2021** through website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on payment (Non refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by e-portal (2) Last date for submission of completed Technical and Financial bid is **26.07.2021** upto 16.00 hrs, (3) **Pre bid meeting date : 19.07.2021,** (4) Opening of Technical bid (Cover-1) **28.07.2021** at 11.30AM onwards (If possible) (5) Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the competent authority. For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours through website : **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in** (Department).

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